

REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are canceled without prejudice and without disclaimer of the disclosed subject matter. New claims 45-66 are added. No new matter has been added.

New independent claim 45 recites, in part, displaying a visual composition of an electronic document. A first input is received specifying a location for an insertion-point cursor representing an insertion position in the content. The insertion-point cursor is displayed in the visual composition. The insertion position is a position in the content where user-typed characters are placed. In response to the first input, it is determined whether one or more markers in the content are adjacent to the insertion position, the markers not being represented in the visual composition. If one or more markers in the content are adjacent to the insertion position, a visual representation of each marker or unbroken sequence of markers is generated adjacent to the insertion position. A second user input is received to navigate a markers cursor among the markers in the visual representation, the markers cursor being a cursor displayed in the visual representation.

Applicants respectfully submit that the art of record fails to disclose one or more of the features of claim 45. In particular, the cited portions of the art of record fail to teach or suggest generating a visual representation of each marker or unbroken sequence of markers adjacent to the insertion position; and receiving a second user input to navigate a markers cursor among the markers in the visual representation, the markers cursor being a cursor displayed in the visual representation.

Accordingly, claim 45, and claims 46-52 which depend from claim 45, are allowable. Claims 53-58 incorporate elements similar to those of claim 45 and are allowable for at least the same reason.

New independent claim 59 recites in part, displaying the visual composition of the electronic document; receiving a first user input specifying one or more portions of the content; in response to the first input, determining whether one or more markers exist in the specified portions, the markers not being represented in the visual composition; if one or more markers

exist in the specified portions, generating a visual representation of the markers in the specified portions; and receiving a second user input to navigate a markers cursor among the markers being displayed in the visual representation, the markers cursor being a cursor displayed in the visual representation and not in the visual composition.

Applicants respectfully submit that the cited portions of the art of record fail to disclose one or more of the features of claim 59. In particular, the art of record fails to teach or suggest generating a visual representation of the markers in the specified portions and receiving a second user input to navigate a markers cursor among the markers being displayed in the visual representation, the markers cursor being a cursor displayed in the visual representation and not in the visual composition.

Accordingly, claim 59, and claims 60-62 which depend from claim 55, are allowable. Claims 63-66 incorporate elements similar to those of claim 59 and are allowable for at least the same reason.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial a copy of the references on the attached Form-1449. These references were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) properly filed under 37 CFR 1.98 on September 10, 2002. Attached is a copy of the stamped postcard proving receipt of the IDS by the Patent Office on September 23, 2002.

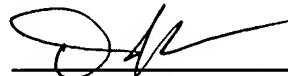
CONCLUSION

By responding in the foregoing remarks only to particular positions taken by the Examiner, Applicants do not acquiesce with other positions that have not been explicitly addressed. In addition, Applicants' arguments for the patentability of a claim should not be understood as implying that no other reasons for the patentability of that claim exist.

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